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Applicant : Yasushi Mukai, et al.

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AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated September 29, 2008. The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on December 29, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 7

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

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